HOW TO RUN FOR OFFICE

So you have decided to pursue YOUR RIGHT to run for the PRIVILEDGE to SERVE the PEOPLE, ALL the PEOPLE!

YOU must BELIEVE you CAN and WILL be a better “PUBLIC SERVANT” than those who are in office.

Note: This is not an exact step-by-step process, because all 50 states have ballot and voter laws that do not meet equal protection and equal requirement for all candidates, which will determine if legal action is needed to exercise your RIGHT to run. The order of these steps are NOT in stone, the key here is to provide a framework or process that will give you the best chance to win, and to bring about FREE, OPEN, and EQUAL ACCESS to the BALLOT, MEDIA, and VOTE!

Here are the basic steps to follow:

1. **JOIN** The Independent Party! (Yes, you can run on your own, but your chances of winning drop by a minimum of 50%, if not 75%.)

2. **CONTACT** the Department of Elections and find out what the REQUIREMENTS are for the office you seek. All 50 States, DC, and Territories have their own set of rules. (Usually the SoS (Secretary of State) for the office you seek, or the DoE (Department of Elections), if they can’t give you a step-by-step process and a liaison to help that tells you automatically they are not in compliance with Federal, State, and/or Local Equal Protection and Access for Ballot and Voter Election Laws.)

3. Determine which path you want to take: (1) **WRITE-IN** Candidate, (2) **INDIVIDUAL** on the Ballot, and (3) **PARTY** Candidate on the Ballot. (The requirements for each should be the same by law, the difference being that to be “on the ballot” requires a cut off date for the logistics of placing your name on the ballot.)

4. Begin the process of filling out the **FORMS** and **PETITIONS** to get yourself on the **BALLOT**. (Usually a Form 1 - (Candidate Information). Form 2 -
5. Create a COMMITTEE to raise FUNDS and a SCHEDULE for your CAMPAIGN to follow until you win on Election Day. (The Committee should be a non-profit tax exempt campaign committee and the schedule keeps you on track, like a check list to make sure you are Viable!)

6. Create WEBPAGE, FACEBOOK, and TWITTER pages to get your MESSAGE out! (Two things that determine if you will be elected are (1) money to get your message out, and (2) your message.)

7. Determine your PLATFORM and POSITION on the ISSUES. (Remember ALL POLITICS is LOCAL and PERSONAL! You have to have a MESSAGE that will reach and get a MAJORITY of the PEOPLE to VOTE for YOU! You have to be a Viable CANDIDATE!)

8. Create a DECLARATION of CANDIDACY; send it to the appropriate official (SoS or DoE) for a seal and signature. Then, DECLARE, you are running for office. (Again, the DoC “officially” informs everyone that you are: “In it to Win it!”)

9. Now, go out and TALK to people, get your MESSAGE out, REGISTER people to VOTE, and get them to VOTE FOR YOU! (This is the MOST IMPORTANT thing that will get you elected is REGISTERING PEOPLE to VOTE, and getting them to VOTE for YOU!, you want to be the candidate that gives them the reason to get up, register, and VOTE!)

Sincerely and Respectfully,

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